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SUBJECT: FM ABOUL GHEIT VISITS BAGHDAD

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Reasons: 1.4 (B) And (D)

1.(C) Summary. Egyptian FM Aboul Gheit, accompanied by Minister for Oil Sameh Fahmy, visited Baghdad October 5. MFA Senior Advisor Hossam Zaki
2.(C) Zaki informed CDA October 4 of FM Aboul Gheit's plan to make the October 5 visit. He said that all logistical arrangements had been made
3.(C) Zaki said that the "symbolic visit" would be the first by an Egyptian foreign minister to Iraq in 18 years. The goal of the visit is to s
4.(C) Increasing Egyptian confidence in the Maliki government is another major reason for Aboul Gheit's visit, said Zaki (reftel a). There are
5.(C) Egyptian Minister for Oil Sameh Fahmy accompanied Aboul Gheit to Baghdad. Zaki did not expect any agreements on oil, but said that it wou
6.(C) CDA urged that FM Aboul Gheit do what he could, publicly or privately, to support political progress in Iraq, including in ongoing negoti
7.(C) Zaki reiterated that Egypt's plan to return an ambassador to Baghdad and open a new embassy would be governed by Egypt's assessment of th